

The hum^ble Answer
OF THE
Lords and Commons

Assembled in Parliament,

To the Message of the 25 of *August*
received from His MAJESTY by the
Earles of *Southhampton* and *Dorset*, and Sir *John Culpepper*, Knight, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Returned by the aforesaid Sir *John Culpepper*,
by order of both Houses, to be presented to
His MAJESTY.

With a perfect Copy of His
MAJESTIES Message.

Die Lun^x Aug. 29 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in
Parliament, that this Answer with His Majesties
Message be forthwith printed and published.

J. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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May it please Your Majesty,



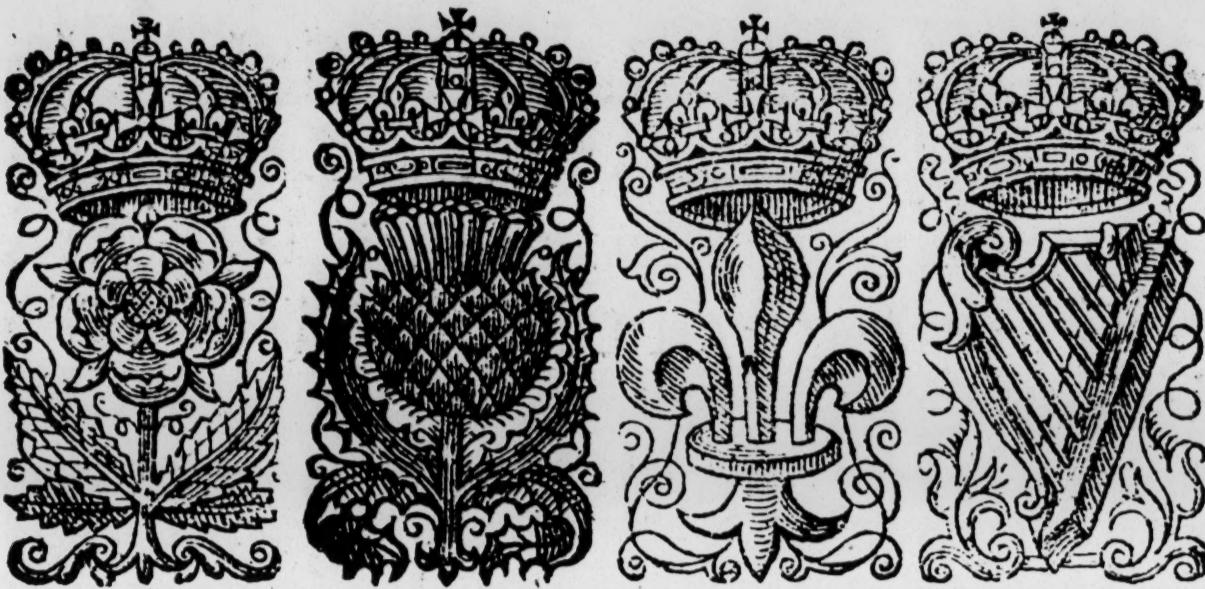
The Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled having received Your Majesties Message of the 25 of August, doe with much grieve recent the dangerous and distracted state of this Kingdome, which we have by all meanes endeavoured to prevent both by our severall advices and Petitions to Your Majesty, which have been not onely without successe, but there hath followed that, which no ill counsell in former times hath produced, or any age hath seen, namely those severall Proclamations and Declarations against both the Houses of Parliament, whereby their actions are declared treasonable, and their persons traitors; and thereupon Your Majesty hath set up Your Standard against them, whereby You have put the two Houses of Parlia-

ment, and in them this whole Kingdome
out of Your Protection; so that untill Your
Majesty shall recall the said Proclamations
and Declarations, whereby the Earle of
Effax and both Houses of Parliament, and
their adherents and assistants, and such as
have obeyed and executed their commands
and directions according to their duties, are
declared Traytors, or otherwise delin-
quents; and untill the Standard set up in
pursuance of the said Proclamations be ta-
ken downe, Your Maiesy hath put us into
such a condition, that whilst we so remaine
we cannot by the fundamentall priviledge
of Parliament, the publique trust repos'd
in us, or with the generall good and safety
of this Kingdom, give Your Majesty any o-
ther answer to this Message.

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HIS
MAJESTIES
Gracious Message

To both Houses of Parliament,
Sent from Nottingham,

By the Earles of Southampton and
Dorset, and Sir John Culpepper Knight,
Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir
William Uvedail, Knight.



EE habe With unspeakable
grief of heart long beheld the
distractions of this our King-
dome; Our very soule is full
of anguish untill wee may
 finde some remedy to prevent the miseries
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which are ready to overwhelme this
whole Nation by a cibill Warre : And
though all Our endeavours tending to
the composing of those unhappy differen-
ces betwixt Us and Our two houses of
Parliament (though pursued by us with
all Zeale and Sincerity) have beene he-
ther to without that Successe We hoped
for : Yet such is Our constant and earnest
care to preserue the publike Peace , that
We shall not be discouraged from using
any Expedient , which by the blessing of
the God of Mercy may lay a firme foun-
dation of Peace and happinesse to all Our
Subjects : To this end obseruing that
many Mistakes have arisen by the Mes-
sages , Petitions and Answers betwixt
Us and Our two houses of Parliament ,
which happily may be prevented by some
other Way of Treatie , wherein the mat-
ters in difference may be more cleerly un-
derstood , and more freely transacted ; We
have thought fit to propound to you ,
That some fit persons may bee by you
enabled to treat with the like number to
be authorized by Us , in such a manner ,
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and with such freedome of Debate, as
may best tend to that happy Conclusion
which all good men desire, The Peace of
the kingdome : Wherein as We promise
in the Word of a King all safety and en-
couragement to such as shall bee sent to
Us, if you shall chuse the place where
We are for the Treaty, (which we
wholly leabe to you,) presuming of che
like care of the safety of those We shall
employ, if you shall name another place ;
So We assure you and all Our good
Subjects, that (to the best of Our under-
standing) nothing shall be therein want-
ing on Our part, which may Advaunce
the true Protestant Religion, Oppose
Popery and Superstition, Secure the
the Lawes of the Land (upon which is
built as well Our just Prerogative, as the
Propriety and Liberty of the Subject)
Conscirne all just Power and Priviledges
of Parliament, And render Us and Our
people truly happy by a good Under-
standing betwixt Us & Our two houses
of Parliament. Bring with you as faine
Resolutions to do your duty, and let all

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Our good People joine with Us in Our
prayers to Almighty God for his blessing
upon this Work.

If this Proposition shall be rejected by
you, We have done Our dutie so ample,
that God will absolve Us from the Guilt
of any of that blood which must be spilt,
and what opinion soever other Men may
have of Our power, We assure you no-
thing but Our Christian and Pious care
to prevent the Effusion of blood hath be-
got this Motion, Our probision of Men,
Armes and Money being such as may
secure Us from further violence, till it
please God to open the Eyes of Our
people.

Nottingham the 25 of August, 1642.

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